

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 9-25. Please amend Claims 1-2 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A conditioning agent for conditioning a water component selected from the group consisting of standing water systems and flowing water systems comprising a component in tablet form selected from the group consisting of (1) an active content of a polysuccinimide component selected from the group consisting of polysuccinimide, partial hydrolysates of polysuccinimide, copolymers of polysuccinimide, and mixtures thereof; and (2) a fatty acid component selected from the group consisting of fatty acids, fatty acid derivatives, and combinations thereof.
2. (Currently Amended) The conditioning agent according to Claim 1, wherein the conditioning agent further comprises a water component and the polysuccinimide component is present in an amount ranging from about 0.1 to about 10,000 g/m³ to the water component when the tablet dissolves in the water component.
3. (Original) The conditioning agent according to Claim 1, wherein the conditioning agent further comprises a hardness stabilizer selected from the group consisting of inorganic condensed phosphates, organophosphonic acids, phosphate esters, polyphosphoric esters, aminophosphates, succinamide, carbohydrates, polysaccharides, gluconates, polyglycosides, polyglucosides, derivatives thereof, polyoxycarboxylic acids, copolymers thereof, oxidized carbohydrates, proteins, water-soluble polyamino acids, silicates and zeolites.
4. (Original) The conditioning agent according to Claim 1, wherein the conditioning agent further comprises a dispersant component selected from the group consisting of tannin derivatives, lignin sulfonates, sulfonated condensation products of naphthalene with formaldehyde, polyacrylates, polymethacrylates, polyacrylamides, acrylate-based polymers, P-containing polymers, phosphinic-acid-containing homopolymers and copolymers of acrylic acid and acrylamide, oligomeric phosphinico-succinic acid compounds, sulfomethylated or sulfoethylated polyacrylamides and copolymers and terpolymers with acrylic acid and maleic ester, N-butylacrylamide, copolymers thereof, acrylamidopropionic sulfonic acid as salt and its copolymers, polymers and copolymers of maleic acid or

maleic anhydride, phosphinoalkylated acrylamide polymers, copolymers with acrylic acid, and copolymers of alkenes with unsaturated dicarboxylic acids.

5. (Original) The conditioning agent according to Claim 1, wherein the conditioning agent further comprises complexing agents selected from the group consisting of iminodisuccinate, nitrilotriacetic acid, citric acid, ethylenediamine-tetraacetic acid, ethercarboxylates, oxidized carbohydrates and phosphorus-containing compounds.

6. (Original) The conditioning agent according to Claim 1, wherein the agent further comprises additives.

7. (Original) The conditioning agent according to Claim 6, wherein the additives are biocides.

8. (Original) The conditioning agent according to Claim 1, wherein the polysuccinimide component is in a form which the polysuccinimide has an increasing slow-release action.

9-25 (Currently Cancelled)

26. (Previously Presented) The conditioning agent of Claim 1, wherein the conditioning agent is for conditioning a water component selected from the group consisting of standing water systems and flowing water systems to prevent deposits from forming in the water system.

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